

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303), hereinafter referred to as “Section 4(f),” and its implementing regulations codified at 23 CFR Part 774, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the City of Wilmington provides public notice of its proposal to make a de minimis impact finding under Section 4(f) regarding the effects of the proposed Market Street (US 17) at 21st Street Intersection Pedestrian Improvements Project (EB-6028), and to provide the opportunity for public review and comment of this proposed determination.

NCDOT and the City of Wilmington are proposing to install a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the intersection of Market Street and 21st Street to enhance pedestrian safety. The proposed beacon will assign the right-of-way to pedestrians by requiring vehicular traffic to stop while being displayed a steady red indication, very similar to a traditional traffic signal. This infrastructure will be interconnected to the Wilmington Traffic Signal System for control and monitoring.

The infrastructure requires two permanent easements, one along each side of Market Street, to install the traffic signal supports and control equipment. These easements are approximately 10 feet wide by 25 feet long and adjacent to the sidewalk network in the immediate vicinity of the existing pedestrian ramps and crosswalk located at the intersection.

The proposed de minimis impact finding is based on coordination with the officials with jurisdiction. The officials with jurisdiction is the City of Wilmington Community Services that own and/or administer the affected portion of the property protected by Section 4(f). The officials have been notified of FHWA’s intent to make de minimis impact findings. Should the officials with jurisdiction concur, FHWA will issue a finding of de minimis impact. Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(b)(2), notice is hereby provided of the proposed de minimis finding determinations.

Comments regarding the proposed Section 4(f) de minimis impact findings may be submitted in writing during the 10-day comment period to either:

City of Wilmington
PO Box 1810
Wilmington, NC 28402-1810
ATTN: City Clerk, Penny Spicer-Sidbury (EB-6028)

Or

Via email to the City Clerk (Penny.Spicer-Sidbury@wilmingtonnc.gov)

The comment deadline is March 24, 2022.

This info is posted on the City’s website (www.wilmingtonnc.gov).